

## *Merrimack Memorial American Legion Post #98 Donates \$1,700.00 to the New Hampshire Veterans Home*

TILTON, NH – The New Hampshire Veterans Home “Main Street” Project will be a little nicer because of a recent donation from Merrimack Memorial American Legion Post #98. Post Chaplain F. Skitch Henderson and his wife, Pauline, visited the Veterans Home recently and toured the newly renovated Main Street complex, which consists of the NHVH Store, the Residents’ Bank, the Library/Media Room, the Resident Lounge, the Chapel, the Wellness/Physical Therapy Center, and the Barber Shop/Beauty Salon. Main Street also includes the Great Room /Town Hall, which is used for dances, meetings, candidate forums, entertainment, and theatrical events. The NHVH payroll and business offices, the Business Administrator, Chief Accountant, and the Human Resources department have moved to the Main Street area as well, in order to provide greater accessibility for staff and residents.

Representing his American Legion Post, Skitch explained why Post #98 wanted the funds—raised by their last year’s golf tournament—to go to the Main Street Project. He said, “We want our donation to benefit as many of the residents as possible. We want it to improve their quality of life.”

NHVH Commandant Barry E. Conway responded, “We’re very grateful for this generous contribution. We envision an indoor sidewalk café area adjacent to the Store, with plants and several small ‘bistro’ tables and chairs. We hope to expand the Store’s hours and offer more merchandise. We’d like to include a new treatment table for Physical Therapy; new computers and workstations for the Library/Media Center; a decorative fireplace, special rocking chairs, a game table for the Resident Lounge; a wall-mounted flat screen TV outside the Store that can be used to scroll Veterans Home events and activities, menus, or be tuned to a regular TV station. We’d like to get some vintage photos and a half barber pole for the barber shop/beauty salon—also equipment & supplies; window treatments throughout that will cut glare but allow in light; new chairs for the Chapel; and more.”

Merrimack Memorial American Legion Post #98 will be hosting another golf tournament this summer and encourages all interested golfers to sign up early. The 2008 Fred Burgess Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, July 7 at Sky Meadow Country Club in Nashua. The shotgun start will be at 7:30AM and the scramble format tournament will be

followed by a barbeque at the Merrimack Memorial American Legion Post #98 picnic grove in Merrimack. The tournament fee is \$85.00 per person or \$340.00 for a foursome. Continental breakfast before the tournament and barbeque dinner are included. For more information on the tournament, please call Skitch Henderson at (603) 424-1149.

The NH Veterans Home is hoping to raise at least \$100,000.00 for the Main Street Project. The Home has received a \$20,000.00 memorial gift and several other smaller donations for Main Street and is asking friends of the New Hampshire Veterans Home to invest in the project. Tax-deductible donations may be mailed to **NHVH Resident Benefit Fund: Main Street Project**, 139 Winter Street, Tilton, NH 03276. For more information, please contact Garry Naughton, Director of Operations, at (603) 527-4400.



*F. Skitch Henderson and his wife, Pauline, present NH Veterans Home (NHVH) Commandant Barry E. Conway (center) with a donation from the Merrimack Memorial American Legion Post #98 for NHVH's Main Street Project.*